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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission.

AGENCY: Federal Communication Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission (FCC), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995. Comments are requested concerning: (a) Whether the proposed collection(s) of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection(s) of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) ways to further reduce the information burden for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.

The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid OMB Control Number.

DATES: Written Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) comments should be submitted on or before **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the FCC contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all PRA comments to Leslie F. Smith, Federal Communications Commission (FCC), via email PRA@fcc.gov or to Leslie.Smith@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information the information collection,

contact Leslie F. Smith at (202) 418-0217

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission is requesting that OMB approve this new information collection under the emergency processing provisions of the PRA, 5 C.F.R. Sections 1320.5, 1320.8(d), and 1320.13 by September 19, 2014.

OMB Control Number: 3060-XXXX.

Title: Application to Participate in Rural Broadband Experiments and Post-Selection Review of Rural Broadband Experiment Winning Bidders.

Form Number: FCC 5610 and 5620.

Type of Review: New information collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, and Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 500 respondents; 520 responses.

Estimated Time Per Response: 5 - 10 hours.

Frequency of Response: One time and occasion reporting requirements.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. sections 151-154 and 254.

Total Annual Burden: 2,700 hours.

Total Annual Cost: No cost(s).

Privacy Act Impact Assessment: No impact(s).

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: Information collected in FCC Form 5610 will be confidential until winning applicants are announced. At that time, the proposals submitted by winning applicants will be made publicly available. All other proposals submitted will remain confidential. Information collected in FCC Form 5620 will be confidential.

Needs and Uses:

Under this information collection, the Commission proposes to collect information to determine applicants that will be selected to participate in the rural broadband experiments and whether winning bidders are technically and financially capable of receiving funding for rural broadband experiment

projects. To aid in collecting this information regarding the rural broadband experiments, the Commission has created proposed FCC Form 5610 and FCC Form 5620, which applicants will use to apply to participate in the rural broadband experiments. This information will be used to determine which applicants submit the most-cost effective proposals in each funding category and whether winning bidders have the technical and financial qualifications to successfully complete the proposed project within the required timeframes.

The Communications Act of 1934, as amended requires the “preservation and advancement of universal service.” The information collection requirements reported under this new collection are the result of various Commission actions to promote the Act’s universal service goals, while minimizing waste, fraud, and abuse.

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